

Lobster Addendum XXVI and Jonah Crab Addendum III: Reporting Requirements



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Background



- Addendum XXVI (lobster) and III (Jonah crab) require collection of additional data elements for commercial harvester reports
- Implementation delayed until Jan 1, 2020
- Currently two data elements have not been added to reporting platforms:
 - **10 minute square**
 - **Number of buoy lines**
- Inconsistent reporting of several elements
- Additional data elements recommended

Inconsistently Reported Data



1. Number of traps hauled
 2. Number of traps set
 3. Number of traps per trawl (most common during trip)
 4. Number of buoy lines (total number of buoy lines in the water)
- Recommend WG determine consistent collection

Additional Recommended Data Elements



1. Maximum depth
 2. Bait type
 3. Bait quantity
 4. Buoy line diameter
- Data elements recommended from whale and bait work groups

Action for Board Consideration



- Postpone implementation of requirement to collect 10 minute square and number of buoy lines until January 1, 2021



Questions?



Draft Addendum XXVII: *GOM/GBK Resiliency*



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Background



- August 2017: Board received report from Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Subcommittee
 - Concern about decreasing trend in larval settlement
 - **Board initiated Draft Addendum XXVII to increase the resiliency of the GOM/GBK stock**
- Work on Atlantic Right Whale issues prioritized over Draft Addendum XXVII
- PDT developed a draft document - has not been presented to Board

Draft Addendum XXVII



- Draft Addendum XXVII focused on standardization of management measures
- Addresses the following issues:
 1. V-Notching Definition and Requirement
 2. Gauge and Vent Sizes
 3. Maximum Gauge Size
 4. Issuance of Trap Tags for Losses
 5. Implementation of Management Measures in LCMA 3

Next Steps for Board



- Determine current priority level Draft Addendum XXVII
- Establish timeline for document development
- Do these proposed management measures address resiliency?
 - Add some protection of SSB across LCMAs
 - Would likely not result in reduced harvest

Questions?

